Police probing mystery slaying

Oakland—Police are investigating the mysterious slaying of a middle-aged woman in her San Pablo Avenue hotel room over the weekend.

Betty Elias, 45, was found dead on her bed yesterday morning by another resident of the hotel at 1954 San Pablo. She appeared to have puncture wounds on her neck, but autopsy will be performed to determine the exact cause of death.

Police said the room appeared to have been ransacked.